
Announcements

Association's 2014 Annual Meeting and postgraduate courses taking place April 26-30, 2014, in Toronto, Canada.

For more information and to submit an application, please visit the AATS Web site at www.aats.org. Application Deadline: January 15, 2014.

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery Journals

Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

The Editors of *Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* want to call your attention to a couple of pieces in the upcoming Fall 2013 issue. The first is the expert roundtable on "Discussions in Cardiothoracic Treatment and Care: Management of the Apical Tumor." This hot topic features a spirited conversation between noted experts Drs Manjit Bains, Stephen Swisher, and Eric Vallières, moderated by Dr Jessica Donington. During this nearly two-hour-long discussion, views on topics such as timing, institutional protocols, palliation of pain, and outcomes are compared between authorities in the field. For an excerpt and more highlights from this discussion, please go here: <http://www.semthorcardiovascsurg.com>.

The Editors would also like to make mention of the article, "Current Status of TAVR" by Drs Robert Bonow, Lars Svensson, and Eric Roselli. The article discusses patient selection in the PARTNER trial and important indications for and improvements expected following TAVR. The "Current Status of TAVR" is in the News and Views section of the Fall 2013 issue due out at the end of December.

Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

The Editor of *Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* would like to draw your attention to the upcoming Fall 2013 issue. The techniques described in this issue include the double switch procedure for ccTGA, Belsey-Mark IV repair, robotic repair of giant paraesophageal hernia, and mechanical circulatory support for the failing left ventricle. Each topic is described by expert surgeons in great technical detail, complete with outcomes of their technique and illustrations that outline each step of the procedure.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

40th Annual Meeting Call for Abstracts

The WTSA's 40th Annual Meeting will be held at the St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, California, from June 25-28, 2014. Abstract and video submissions are now being accepted for presentation consideration at the 2014 WTSA Annual Meeting through Monday, January 6, 2014, at 11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time. Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org to view author instructions and to submit abstracts and videos.

Applications for Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status. Visit the WTSA Web site at www.westernthoracic.org to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

Active Member

\$325.00 annually, plus \$50.00 initiation fee

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Reside within or have completed a cardiothoracic residency training program within the geographic limits of the Association.
- Have been engaged in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for at least three years following completion of postgraduate training. If a candidate completed his/her thoracic surgical residency in an institution within the geographic limits of the Association, such completion may count toward one of the three years of practice.
- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in his or her respective state or province, and have a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending which could adversely affect such applicant's staff privileges at any hospital.

Candidate Member

\$100.00 annually

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Be matched or enrolled in either a cardiothoracic surgery education program accredited by the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery under the authority of the ACGME or a program approved for